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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce a change in the UCSF Academic Senate membership practice. Effective July 1, 2012, all UCSF Adjunct and Health Sciences Clinical faculty members at the Associate and Full ranks, appointed at 100%, will be included in the Academic Senate. This corrects the historic exclusion of UCSF Adjunct and Health Sciences Clinical Faculty from Academic Senate membership, and recognizes their critical academic role on this campus. This change in practice has been unanimously endorsed by campus leadership including our Chancellor, Deans, Executive Vice Chancellor, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Chief Campus Counsel.

The most important practical change for all new members of the UCSF Academic Senate is that they are now eligible to sit on committees requiring Academic Senate membership and to vote on the academic advancement of colleagues. For more information, please refer to the Academic Senate website: <http://senate.ucsf.edu>

We will work closely with campus leadership to expedite implementation of this practice. However, please understand that the University of California system-wide Academic Council has not yet formally supported this interpretation of the Regents' Standing Orders. Should the Academic Council oppose our interpretation, then the issue may need to go to the Regents for resolution. It is possible that the language will change or that The Regents will ask for more time to deliberate beyond July 1, 2012. We will follow this issue closely and keep you advised as to developments, in particular as to any change in the implementation date of the UCSF plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Newcomer".

Robert Newcomer,
Chair, UCSF Academic Senate

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